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## Goforth caught near Atlanta

Convicted drug dealer fled during trial here last year

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

Ronald Goforth, caught in Georgia Monday after skipping town during his 1996 drug dealing trial, has indicated he will return to Madison County without a fight.

Deputy U.S. marshals arrested Goforth, 50, in a phone booth in Acworth, Ga., near Atlanta. Goforth was a fugitive from the Granite City Police who assumed several false identities and led police across seven states before his capture.

Goforth may not put up a fight in being brought back to Madison County. State's Attorney Bill Haine said

Wednesday afternoon.

"I'm very pleased," Haine said about Goforth's capture. "I think it's an example of good work — excellent work — by the United States Marshals' office and the United States Attorney's office."

On Dec. 6, 1996, a Madison County jury found Goforth guilty of possessing more than 900 grams of cocaine with the intent to sell. He slipped out of town during the trial just after testifying on his own behalf.

"He is a man who should face his 25 years. He was lawfully convicted of being a major source of cocaine in the Granite City area and should do his time," Haine said.

Haine has asked U.S. Marshal Terry Delaney and his staff to look into evidence of anyone who assisted Goforth in his flight from justice and to prosecute wherever the evidence might lead. Because Goforth has indicated he will waive his extradition rights, the state's attorney's office won't have to petition for a governor's warrant.

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Goforth

## Early retirement plan is approved

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

As many as 82 Madison County employees have the chance to take early retirement next year, thanks to a plan approved Wednesday by the County Board.

The early retirement incentive program, available to county employees who are at least 50 and have a minimum of 20 years of service, will begin March 1.

County Director of Administration Jim Monday said the program will run through Feb. 28, 1999. Participants must meet the minimum requirements

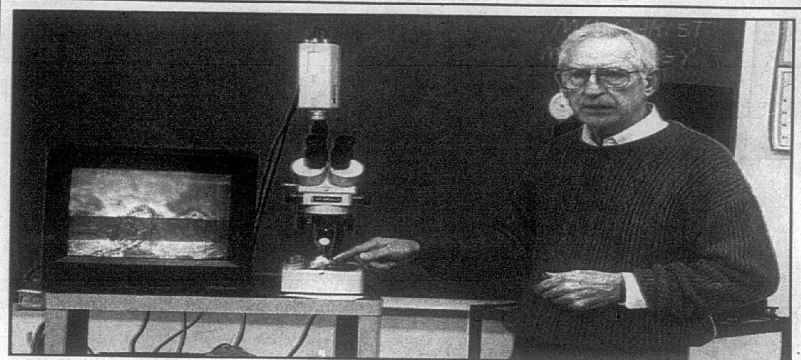
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during that time frame and will have about 60 days to make up their minds.

Employees will also be allowed to pay into the plan to "buy" up to five years of credit, Monday said. This will help them to maximize their pension benefits, because what a retiree receives is based on a percentage of their final salary, a percentage that increases with each year of service.

The plan will cost the county an estimated \$4.2 million over 10 years, Monday said.

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Belleville Area College metallurgy instructor Ed Christ shows a group of Webelos a sample of gold ore locked in a piece of quartz magnified under a microscope.

Staff photos by JOHN FREESE

## 'Kids associate with rocks'

Scouts get lesson in metallurgy

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

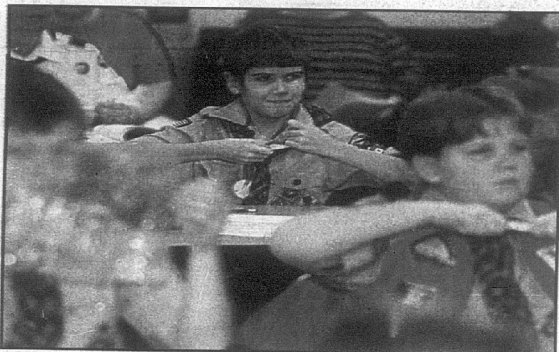
A nugget of gold is sometimes enough to spark youthful interest.

Cub Pack 96 Webelos 1 and 2 from Maryville School in Granite City dove into the world of metallurgy Dec. 11 as part of earning their geology merit badge.

Ed Christ, metallurgy instructor at the Belleville Area College's Industrial Training Center at the Granite City Campus, was the pack's teacher.

"It was enjoyable for me," Christ said. "Every time I asked a question I had 16 hands in the air."

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Antoine Huether, center, tugs at a folded-up piece of plastic wrap.

## Union officers indicted

A federal grand jury indicted three Granite City men and one Washington state man Wednesday on one count of embezzling from the United Steelworkers Union.

According to information from W. Charles Grace, United States attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, the indicted men are Roy J. Green, 56, of Federal Way, Wash., and Thomas H. Joseph, 37, James T. Brake, 28, and Jimmy L. Waters, 42, all of Granite City.

The one-count indictment alleges that the defendants, while acting as union officers for United Steelworkers Local 14652 of

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## Ozzie draws crowd to store

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

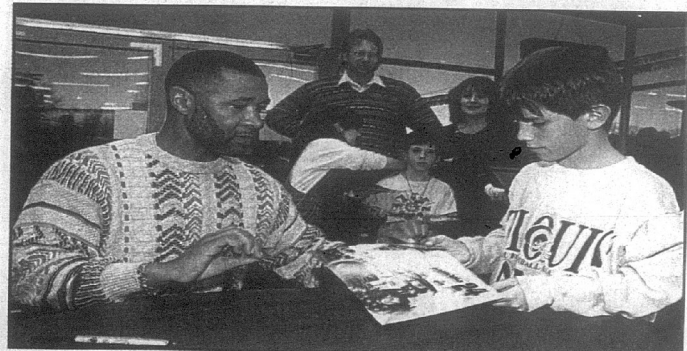
Hundreds of children, youth and adults braved darkness, dropping temperatures and a long, dawdling line Monday evening for the chance to shake the hand and secure the autograph of former St. Louis Cardinals great Ozzie Smith.

Smith was at Winner's Circle Race Team Store, 4100 Nameoki Road in Granite City, publicizing both the store and the brand-spanking new Wizard Motorsports.

Rod Wortham, who is president of AMC Marketing and has 20 per cent ownership in Wizard Motorsports, was elated with the response to Ozzie's appearance.

"This is great for the people of Granite City, and this NASCAR racing team is great for the people of metropolitan St. Louis," said Wortham. "When we were putting this team together and we were looking for a big-name person to come on board, I knew there was no higher profile, more positive impact athlete that I could get than Ozzie Smith. He is non-controversial."

"He is Mr. Class all the way — in everything he's ever done. He was the greatest short stop to play the game of baseball and he is probably the best role model the kids of St.



Staff photo by JOHN FREESE

Ozzie Smith signs a promotional photo for Wizard Motorsports during his visit to Winner's Circle in Granite City.

Louis have ever had." Wortham made his pitch to Smith with the help of Malcolm Briggs of KSD Channel 5 in St. Louis. Briggs and Smith

are friends and partners in St. Louis-based Sable Productions. "I asked Malcolm to set up a meeting with Ozzie," said Wortham. "I went to his

house, explained everything, and he was immediately receptive. In only 20 minutes that night in his den, we made a

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# Amphitheater may be built on I-255 extension

## 25,000-seat facility, banquet center proposed

By Paul A. Brinkmann  
Telegraph staff writer

A large new banquet center and an amphitheater that could seat 25,000 are two projects local investors have proposed for the corridor of the Interstate 255 extension.

But whether the amphitheater will be built on New Poag Road in Edwardsville or along Illinois Route 143 in Wood River may only be decided in a race against time.

"There are two sites being looked at, but whether the area can support two, I don't know. It may be a matter of who builds first," said Wood River businessman L. Thomas Lakin.

Lakin has teamed up with friend Rick Jones, owner of Triad Industries, who owns about 160 acres of property along Route 143 in Wood River and Roxana.

The other investment team is comprised of Edwardsville investors James Hansen and Herb Van Hoven.

Lakin said both groups had talked to an entertainment company based in Boca Raton, Fla., which owns many entertainment venues.

He said the Florida company is interested in building in the Metro East, which studies show could support a large venue.

The amphitheater would tap into the tradition of the now-defunct Mississippi River Festival, which brought big names to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in the 1970s.

"There's some magic in the MRF memories," Lakin said. "It was pretty incredible." Jones confirmed that he is working on several large commercial projects, but he referred specific questions to Lakin.

The banquet center, which would hold up to 4,500 people, is almost a done deal, Lakin said.

Lakin said Jones will move a large building from the former Amoco Oil Co. properties to a site closer to the new intersection of Route 143 and Interstate 255. The banquet center will be built inside the building.

Jones acquired some of the Amoco property after helping the corporation dismantle its Wood River refinery.

The extension of Interstate 255, which will be known officially as Illinois Route 255, is scheduled to open in Fall 1998.

Hansen and Van Hoven could not be reached for comment.

# Meridian Road lights sought

By Paul Mackie  
Telegraph staff writer

The village of Glen Carbon is continuing its efforts to make the once-dangerous Meridian Road a safer place for motorists.

A new lighting system along the road is the first phase in an extensive improvement plan, with 13 new lights expected to be added to Meridian Road's existing seven street poles in the next six weeks.

"They will be 13 400-watt, high-pressure sodium lights in the 2,500 feet between Rushmore and Ernst Drives," said Tom Sedlacek, Glen Carbon's public works director.

Once the lights are installed in that more densely populated area, new sodium lights will be installed between Ernst Drive and Illinois Route 157. Also, plans call for more streetlights to extend from Rushmore Drive south to Main Street.

Illinois Power informed the village earlier this month that the cost of each light will run \$6.38 per month, which will be paid by the village's street light program with Illinois Power.

With the new streetlights at the intersection of Route 157 and Meridian Road as well as Meridian Road's new paving, the question then arises of whether to raise the road's 25 miles-per-hour speed limit.

"We want to accommodate motorists the best we can," Sedlacek said. "The street committee is considering raising the speed limit to possibly 30 mph. They're working with the police, but if they do increase it, it'll be very minor because of the dense population."

Also, Meridian Road is expected to be reopened to through traffic soon.

"With any luck in the weather, we're hoping to get it opened by the end of the month," said Jim Hanke, project manager for Flagg and Associates, Incorporated.

"Phase 2 of the road con-

struction) will extend to the I-270 bridge. It's about 40 percent completed now and should be done by the end of summer."

Meridian Road will again close to thru traffic at the beginning of spring until the end of summer.

The last phase of the new look Meridian Road will include connecting the road with Glen Crossing Road and rebuilding the bridge portion of the road that extends over Interstate 270.

Another project in the near future dealing with roads in Glen Carbon will be the anticipated addition of new traffic-control lights at Illinois Route 159 and Glen Crossing Road.

The village, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation, hopes to begin on the project as early as next month.

There will also be pavement restructuring at the intersection, with the addition of a left-lane and a combined-turn lane.

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## NEWS IN REVIEW

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

### Arrests at checkpoint

For drivers without a proper license or insurance, the stretch of Highway 203 from Interstate 55/70 to Bend Road was not a good place to be Friday evening.

Eleven officers — six from the Illinois State Police Special Enforcement Team and five from the Madison Police Department — conducted a four-hour drivers' license/insurance checkpoint, issuing 56 citations or arrests.

Cutting the north-bound highway to one lane, the officers braved cold temperatures and erratic drivers while making several hundred stops. Most drivers were quickly sent on their way.

Madison police issued the following citations: 14 uninsured motor vehicle, two suspended registration, three no valid driver's license, one expired registration, three driving while suspended, two no city sticker, one driving while revoked and two for failure to appear on charges of driving under the influence.

State troopers issued the following citations: one driving under the influence, three warrant arrests, six seat-belt violations, and 18 other traffic citations.

Gold piece found in kettle

An unknown donor put a \$50 gold piece in one of the Salvation Army's kettles in Edwardsville.

Capt. Martin Colip said the coin, an American Eagle 1994 \$50 gold piece, was found wrapped in a \$10 bill in a kettle at the Edwardsville Wal-Mart.

Colip said his secretary discovered the gift while counting money, and brought it to him. He said the coin was wrapped in the bill, which was taped shut. Colip called a coin dealer, who told him the coin was worth at least \$285, the price of one ounce of gold.

He added that gold coins and other similar items occasionally show up in their kettles. So far this year, he said they have also received a gold ring.

### Holiday donations lag

A combination of bad weather and a late start at several of its bell-ringing locations has left the Salvation Army behind in its fund-raising efforts.

"Things are going less than desirable," said Capt. Martin Colip.

This year, the Salvation Army has set a goal of \$220,000. This week, he said they were about \$10,000 behind where they should be.

The Southwestern Madison County Salvation Army covers the Granite City, Collinsville, Edwardsville and Highland areas.

Colip said one of the problems has been bad weather. Another major problem was a late start at several bell-ringing locations.

The food and toy distribution would begin Dec. 18, and they were still looking for volunteers.

For information on volunteering or donating, call Colip at 451-7957.

### Venice taxes may drop

Venice taxpayers may be paying less in property taxes next year.

At the Dec. 9 meeting the Venice City Council approved a 1997-1998 tax levy that should mean a 32 cent decrease in the tax rate.

Also approved were ordinances setting a .02 per \$100 tax for street maintenance and a .02 per \$100 tax rate for the Venice Public Library.

The total levy is for \$420,897. Of that, \$55,358 is for general fund expenditures, while the bulk of the levy comes from taxes for specific purposes.

Police watch for road rage

The Illinois State Police has begun a new operation to combat aggressive drivers in the Metro East area.

A team of state troopers currently is patrolling Metro East highways in an effort to identify and cite motorists who violate traffic laws by their aggressive driving.

Targeted behavior includes inordinate speed on heavily traveled highways, erratic and improper lane usage and following too closely. State troopers also are on the lookout for alcohol- and drug-impaired motorists.

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## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED  
Attorney At Law

Recently a client contacted this office and indicated that a life insurance agent was attempting to sell her a policy of insurance. In the course of taking the health history, the salesman suggested that she not be so detailed in listing her previous health problems since a detailed recounting of her health history could "red flag" her application. Her question for this office is whether or not she needed a detailed itemization of her health history.

What is obvious from this set of facts is that the insurance agent in this particular situation does not understand Illinois law. If an applicant for insurance misrepresents on the application for insurance, this can lead to an avoidance of the policy. If the misrepresentation or false warranty has been made by the applicant with an intent to deceive or if the representation materially affects the acceptance of the risk by the company, the company can cancel the policy and refund the premiums.

In one recent case, a 60 year old woman applied for accident and health insurance, but she neglected to include on the application her medical history with regard to asthma and respiratory

problems. In that the condition was under control, she did not feel it was important to include this medical information. The company issued a policy of insurance to her based on the medical history provided.

Ten months after the coverage was issued, the woman suffered a major heart attack and was hospitalized for a substantial period of time. Extensive medical treatment was provided, and the total medical bills exceeded \$30,000. The company discovered the omission in the medical history, and the company decided to cancel the policy. The company sent a notice to its insured and refunded the entirety of the premium.

This left the woman with no insurance coverage and \$30,000 in medical bills. She challenged the cancellation of the policy in court, but the court decided that the omission of information was material to the risk in that the company may well have refused to issue the policy if all the medical information had been provided. It is obvious from this situation that an applicant for insurance needs to include a detailed medical history in order to avoid a canceling of the policy later.

# Milton, Garrett face challenges

Some County Board incumbents will have opposition in primary

By Mary Brase  
Telegraph staff writer

The race is on for more than half the Madison County Board districts after the filing deadline Monday, but most of the battling will wait until the November election.

Only in Alton, Godfrey, Highland, Granite City and Maryville will competition develop in the March primary among candidates in the same party.

Two Democrats, Michael "Doc" Holliday Sr. and Anthony Stassi, chairman of the Alton Township Democratic Committee, are seeking to replace incumbent

Albert Charleston, D-Alton, who is stepping down. Republican Gerald Jerry Sewell has also filed for the District 8 seat.

Frank Vonnahmen, R-Godfrey, in District 6 is challenged by Republican Stephen A. Slobos. Democrat Kenneth Myers also filed for the seat.

Democrat Harold Byers' decision to step aside in Highland has drawn Democrats William Popkess, Virgil Schrage, Donald Shumer and Joseph Geiger into the race. Republicans Kathleen Mooney and Judy Kuhn also filed for the seat in District 1.

In District 23 in Madison, Board Member Don Garrett will face Metro Pierson of Venice, both Democrats; and incumbent

Don Sonnenberg of Maryville will battle fellow Democrat Michael Joe Semanisin of Maryville for the District 27 seat. Republican Don Metzler of Collinsville is unopposed for the same seat.

Veteran incumbent Herbert Milton Jr., D-Granite City, will compete with fellow Democrat Edward Hagnauer, a nephew of former County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer, who died last year. No Republicans have filed for the District 22 seat.

In District 25 in Granite City, Democrat Fred Schuman will face incumbent Donald Rea. Democrat Larry Trucano of Collinsville was the only candidate filing for Democrat Vergil Fletcher's seat in District 29.

## Property tax rate stable for now

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Property owners in the city of Madison will be paying about the same in property taxes next year.

However, development centered around Gateway International Raceway will probably mean some kind of a decrease in the coming years.

A \$366,678 tax levy has been

proposed for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1998.

Hamlin said the only major change to this year's levy was adding about \$4,000 in a special tax for the library.

The library is now undergoing renovations.

Last year, the city lowered the tax rate by 81 cents, to \$1.7637 per \$100, based on increased revenue expected from Gateway International

Raceway.

This year, Mayor John Hamlin said the city was going to keep the rate the same. However, he said increased development and more income from the race track should lead to decreases in the future.

"We want to try to stabilize the taxes right now right where they're at," he said. "This year we're going to hold the line, hold our budget right where it is until we start seeing those moneys produced."

"The city's portion of the taxes, which we lowered by 81 cents last year, should be able to be reduced next year," he added. "This year we're going to hold the line, hold our budget right where it is until we start seeing those moneys produced."

Hamlin said new development includes possible hotels and fast food restaurants.

"The developers are coming

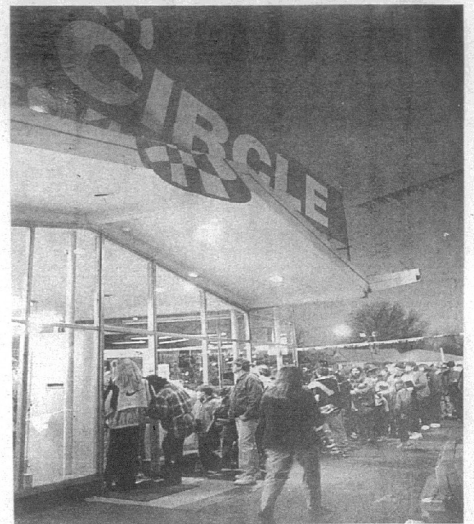
### MADISON

to us now," he said. "Once those things start coming in we're going to start reaping that harvest that the Department of Tourism keeps telling us is so great for the region."

He said the city's entertainment tax and sales tax will generate additional tax revenue for the city.

This year development around the race track has produced an additional \$466,576.10 in taxes. However, the city spent approximately \$37,000 for fire and police protection and ditch work in the area.

Next year, the entertainment tax will double to 60 cents per paid ticket — for nationally sanctioned events — and an increase in the number of seats and an additional race will increase tax revenues.



Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE

The crowd gathers at Winner's Circle to meet Ozzie Smith.

### Ozzie

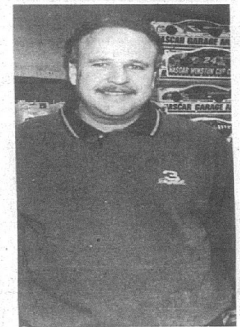
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\$20-million handshake deal."

But Wortham, and even the racing team itself, took a back seat to The Wizard on this night.

For two hours, Ozzie sat at a small table with Justin Via, the 18-year-old racing sensation from Marion, and a key member of the Wizard Motorsports Team, shaking hundreds of hands and joyfully signing two or three times that many autographs. Balls, hats, shirts, programs, posters, newspapers and baseball cards all took a quantum leap in value as the sure-to-be Hall of Fame resident scrawled ten simple letters.

Small children to senior citizens paused in a momentary dream-come-true to have their pictures taken with The Wizard. Long after the shutters snapped, the smiles lingered, as if frozen in time with the memory. Adults with trembling voices requested signatures for grandsons and granddaughters, while many children stood speechless, and wide-eyed as they haltingly handed the baseball legend



Rod Wortham

objects to be signed.

"I'm just now learning about racing," said Smith. "I've always followed it at a distance, but now I'm getting a taste of it up close and personal. And I love it. It's amazing how many racing fans there are around the country and in the St. Louis area specifically."

"I'm enjoying being a part of it. And I'm enjoying tonight. It's wonderful meeting so many people, and seeing the smiles on their faces. It's a special moment for me, and I know it's a special moment for the people of Granite City."

"Wizard Motorsports is a St. Louis based team — the first and only NASCAR team based in St. Louis," Smith added. "The St. Louis area has given so much to me, and I'm glad to be part of an organization that is not only first class, but will give a great deal of pleasure for a great many years to come to the people of greater St. Louis."

If the seemingly endless grins on faces in a seemingly endless line on Monday are any indication, the fun is just beginning.

Watch for interviews with Ozzie Smith and Justin Via in Sunday's Journal.

### BAC course offers tour

Geography tour 143 is a Belleville Area College course offering that carries three semester hours of credits.

The tour is directed by the direction of Lynn Bradley, a tenured member of the BAC geography department. The tour is designed for individuals of all ages. It is a requirement that each participant be enrolled in Geography 143 at the credit rate of \$40 per semester hour; senior rate, \$33.00 per semester hour. Rates are subject to change.

The tour, which departs May 24, and returns June 7, 1998 will be a 15 day Tour of France. The approximate price of the tour is \$2,000 per person based on double occupancy, plus air fare. The single supplement is \$450. A \$250.00 per person deposit is due to hold your reservation.

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# Opinion

## CAROL'S COMMENTS

### Christmas trek: Generations apart

Last week, a young friend pulled a couple of pictures from his shirt pocket, having been bragging earlier about his recently-born first child and anxious to prove his point that she was, without question, the most beautiful baby on the block, in town, the country, the world!

Sure enough, she's a lovely little thing. Pretty and smiling. Bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. In one picture she's wearing a tiny bright red shirt and Santa-style floppy hat.

She's too young this year to be excited about Christmas, but wait 'til next year, and for a too-brief time, those to follow!

Kids react differently when they learn the sorry truth. In my own case, it was before I started school when an older child in the neighborhood let the cat out of the bag.

I went home, asked my parents if it was so ("No Santa?"), and they were truthful with me. I don't recall being especially depressed about it and it certainly has never spoiled the holiday for me.

My brother's reaction to the information, which came to him from his father's roommate, was at the other end of the spectrum. He gave her a good hard right to the stomach and decked her. And then ran home for reassurance and wept when he got an honest answer.

But Christmas was still the really big holiday, beating out the Fourth of July by mere fractions. And it all wasn't about the tree, the holly and mistletoe, the gifts.

We grew up on what in those years was a pretty typical diet of carols and traditional Christmas literature, beginning with "The Night Before Christmas" and progressing through any number of then-popular seasonal tales, including Dickens, of course. And never omitting the Biblical story of the Nativity.

I can even remember being a member of the Heavenly Host in a school pageant, resplendent with my chess-cloth covered wings trimmed with gold tinsel. Boy, was I hot! Actually, it was a case of serious miscasting.

Those days are history. I normally turn the TV off as soon as the 10 p.m. news is finished, but that evening, as it concluded, I failed to do so, engrossed in making some notes on something I found momentarily important.

When next glanced up at the screen, something caught my attention. The host was doing street interviews of a pretty mixed bag of young people, appearing to be in an age



Carol Clarkin

range of about 16 to 18. Subject, Christmas. And it was a real eye-opener, at least to me. Host: "Are you familiar with Dickens' 'Christmas Carol'?"

Teen-age boy: "Oh, yeah, a little bit, I guess." Host: "What's the story about?"

Boy: "Well, mostly I guess, about this little kid who was sick, or maybe he'd broken his leg in an accident, and he had to use crutches. You know, I'll bet that hurts after you've walked around a little, up under the arm pit, I mean."

The boy couldn't remember Tim's name, but he thought maybe his last name might have been Churchill, "or something that sounded like that."

Another young man seemed to be confused about Scrooge's identity. "I think he was one of the ghosts."

Dickens fared well as compared to the story of the first Christmas. One boy couldn't identify the locale and seemed surprised when the host mentioned Bethlehem.

Another, asked what the three kings brought as gifts, "bought" one of them brought a baby lamb. Another, asked who was present in the stable, "Jesus, and his father, Joseph? And a bunch of angels, I think. There might have been some others. I just don't remember."

Host: "How about Mary, the baby's mother?" "Oh, yeah, her too," the kid agreed.

Then, there was an attractive teenage girl, asked to describe the Nativity setting, which put the host in his place in short order.

"Hey, I don't remember all that stuff! It's, you know, just not my generation's thing. Was it ever 'your thing,' I wondered, or have all of you simply erased your memory behind the scenes?"

But I guess it's not just generational because the following morning, when I started the car, I was treated to the sound of Old Blue Eyes singing his hip version of "Away in a Manger."

And Congress is giving this guy a gold medal? Certainly not honoring his good taste.



## EDITORIAL

### Kudos to all who made Santa a reality

Is Santa Claus real? Well, for the first time in several years, the answer for Granite City residents is: Yes, he is!

The proof can be seen by simply driving by 20th Street and Niedringhaus Avenue.

After spending years at the North Pole or St. Clair Square, Santa has found a home again in Granite City.

The season has been made a little merrier thanks to the work of concerned citizens, business owners, government and city workers who made Santa's Holiday Parade and Santa's Cabin a reality.

The bottom line: Downtown looks great.

Thanks to the City Council, who authorized \$10,000 in downtown Granite City tax increment district funds to use as seed money for the project.

Thanks to the Holiday Avenue Committee, who used the seed money and built upon it with private

donations from businesses, merchants and interested parties. Members of the committee and their specialties include:

Judy Whitaker, chairwoman; co-chairwoman Roberta Barham; Maggie Mayhall, treasurer; Sandy Shaw, secretary; Brian Fuzessery, flags; Brad Eavenson and Tom Candler, lighting; Dave McFarland, rehabilitation; Shirley Valencia, publicity; Mark Korte, Linda Wood and Sharon Parker, advertising; George Popmarkoff, electrical work; Mike Gerbec, Ed Kirby, Judy Knapp and Alan Pieper, displays; Diana Maney, decorating; and Carol Holten, costumes.

Thanks also to the workers of the street department and park district, who dressed up the area in fine fashion.

And thanks to businesses in downtown Granite City who added their decorative touches to the area. Downtown dead? We don't think so.

The response from those who have called the *Press-Record Journal* has been overwhelmingly positive.

People saying that even though we ran a story on the park and the parade, we should do it again.

People have been spotted actually stopping on the sidewalk and taking pictures of the lighted park; and others can be seen just sitting on one of the benches enjoying the scenery.

Besides the pleasure of having Santa and the beauty of the lights, it's nice to drive just a couple of miles to visit Santa instead of traveling to the evil shopping malls.

This was a stroke of genius. Welcome back, Santa; and thank all of the aforementioned "elves" for us. We appreciate their work.

And to everyone else in the Tri-City area, happy holidays.

## SOUND OFF!

277-9522

### Insanity in Pontoon Beach

I'm calling about your editorial in the Dec. 11 paper about the Pontoon Beach insanity. I think that is so ignorant for these people to act the way they are.

I think they would do everybody a favor if they would all just sign off, resign and start from scratch. They're disgusting.

### City looking good

I would like to thank whoever is buying and rehabbing the old houses on Washington Avenue and now on East 23rd in Granite City. They're apparently doing more than our city officials are to keep our city nice and to beautify it.

To call the Journal "Sound Off" line, dial 277-9522 and leave your message. We won't print personal attacks or unfair criticism of individuals or businesses. Please keep your comments brief and reasonable.

## THE FARM GUY

### National agricultural issues hit home

This past week has been a very busy one for agriculture, locally and nationally. Let's start with some local issues.

Last week, the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) held its annual convention in St. Louis.

Why St. Louis? In order for the IFB to have the convention in this area it needed a place that was big enough to house the crowd, and St. Louis was that place. More than 2,000 people were in attendance.

Many issues were discussed by the delegates representing more than 90 counties in Illinois, such as the recent global climate treaty agreed to in Japan, and other resolution that involve the everyday operation of farms in the state.

On the last day of the convention, the delegates had the job of electing a president. The current president, Ron Warfield, was in the running and was expected to run unopposed. But when it came to election time, former president Allan Dale entered the election, making it a very close race. Warfield with 54 percent of the vote. Dale gained 46 percent.

One issue that will probably affect everyone is the global climate treaty reached last week in Japan. The Kyoto agreement did not include all countries and according to some did not address the concerns of United States farm

and ranch operations. Will this treaty ever become law and be enforced? I don't think so, at least not the way it is currently written.

Another issue was the trip to Argentina by the National Corn Growers Transportation Task Force. Some of the task force members included Chairman Glen Moeller; Vice Chairman Mike Randall; Greg Gunther, Illinois Corn Growers President from Belleville; and from St. Louis, John Green, NCCCA Production and Education director.

According to the findings of the task force, Argentina has invested heavily in upgrading

their river transportation system by dredging more than 200 miles to increase barge draft and adding more barges. The result is cheaper grain export prices that make them competitive with the United States.

The river issue has been discussed several times before with the Corps of Engineers, and the Marc 2000 Organization (Midwest River Coalition) and actual users of the Illinois and Mississippi rivers. The river system is currently being studied by the Corps and a report is expected next year.

David Schumacher is the farm director for 550 KTRS AM radio in St. Louis. His e-mail address is farmguy@ju-no.com.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Please return pet

TO THE EDITOR:

Our dog was taken from our front yard in the 2400 block of E. 24th St. in Granite City on Monday afternoon. When we went to look our dog, you were seen taking her away. There just wasn't time to stop you, but rest assured you cannot take a dog like her away in broad daylight and not be seen. We have a complete description and even know who you are.

Now why would you take our dog? If you thought she was a neglected or abused stray, you are very mistaken. Rest assured nothing could be further from the truth. We have had her since she was 9 weeks old and she is our 7-year-old daughter's pet.

She has the very best of care.

If you have taken her for some other reason (too horrible to imagine) she'll do you no good that way either. She has an injected I.D. chip, so anybody she is turned in to will easily be able to identify her and you will not be satisfied that way. She is spayed and can't be used for breeding purposes. She is nonaggressive so you can't sell her for guard dog uses. She is simply a pet, very loved and very missed.

The only sensible thing to do is return her. A completely anonymous return can be arranged. We don't need to know name, address, phone number or anything of the person returning her, as long as it is her and she is in as good a condition as when she was taken.

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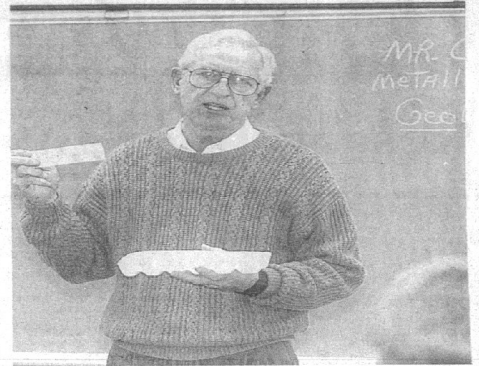
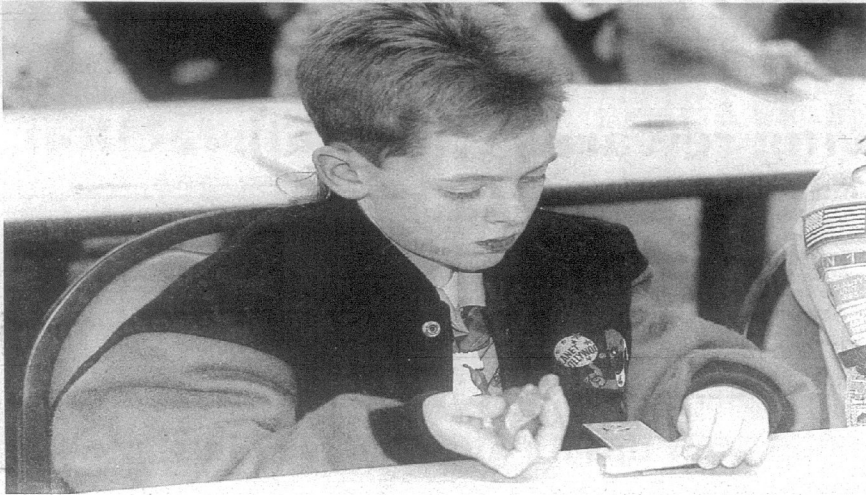
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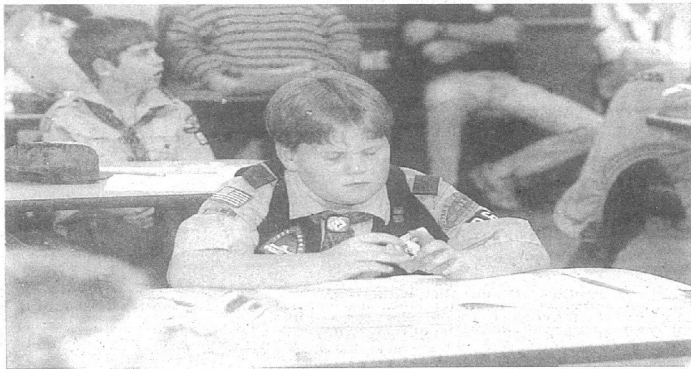
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# PEOPLE



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Cameron McMasters, at left, compares the weights of three different metals — cobalt, indium and titanium — as Ed Christ, above, holds up a card with the descriptions of several mineral samples held in an egg carton.



Webelos Scout David Whitaker looks over a iron pyrit — fool's gold — sample Christ handed out to the scouts during his presentation.

## •Rocks inspire students

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Debbie Jones, the pack's leader, approached Christ for help with the scouts' geology merit badge. Intrigued, Christ agreed, and found a way to tie his course of instruction, metallurgy, in with minerals.

"I took the ordinary things they have in their lives and showed them where they come from," he said. He passed around ordinary objects and then passed around the rocks from which the objects came.

He explained to the youths what materials can be used to make things, what role rocks and minerals play in our lives and what metals are taken from rocks.

"I had a nice little chunk of gold to look at," he said, and the Webelos and Cub Scouts really liked it.

Christ was glad the college allowed him and the youths to use the particular room where all the metallurgy equipment and tools are set up.

He "detuned" his usual level of instruction at the Industrial Training Center to one, the

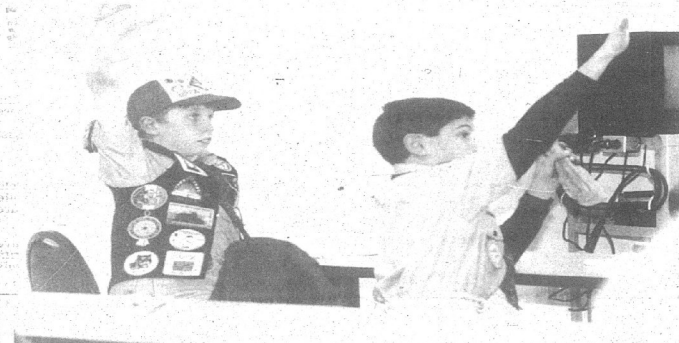
*"Every time I asked a question I had 16 hands in the air."*

Ed Christ  
Metallurgy professor

youths could easily grasp.

"Kids can associate with rocks," he said. Christ has been teaching metallurgy for 30 years, and has demonstrated metallurgy for high school seniors.

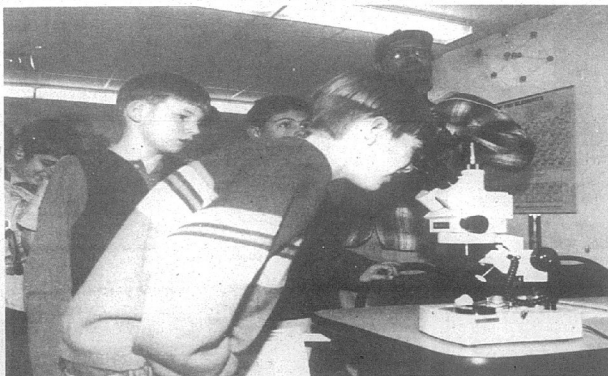
This was the first of many metallurgy demonstrations for Webelos and Cub Scouts. Already another Cub Scout pack is scheduled for the same demonstration Jan. 8, and Christ said he will make the instruction simple for them as well. Other dens and packs will get to see the demonstration sometime next year.



Ryan Jones and Andy Lybarger raise their hands to ask questions.



Above, Andy Lybarger and Ryan Jones look at a group of ore stones while BAC instructor Ed Christ explains what metals can be extracted from them. At left, Christopher Ortiz looks at a native copper sample while his stepfather, Wesley McClery, listens to Ed Christ's class. Below, Christ explains to the scouts why the atomic structures of metals can give them different weights and properties.



Josh Feeney looks at some mineral samples under the microscope.







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NEWS

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Arnold

ELIZABETH A. ARNOLD, 46, of Granite City died at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 1997, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. She was born Feb. 12, 1951, in Camden, Tenn.

Ms. Arnold was a cake decorator at Busy Bee Bakery in Madison for 24 years. She was a member of the Hillcrest Pentecostal Church in Belleville.

**SURVIVORS** include her parents, Wilma (Holland) and George Arnold Sr. of Granite City; five brothers, George Jr., Jim and Bruce, all of Granite City; and four grandchildren, including a daughter, Karen Schur of Belleville.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1997, at 10 a.m. at the Hillcrest Pentecostal Church in Belleville.

Local arrangements were handled by Werner Chapel.

**Allen Dale Lee**  
ALLEN DALE LEE, 43, of Granite City died Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997, at St. Anthony Community Hospital. He was born Jan. 17, 1954, in Granite City.

Mr. Lee was leader of the Stillwater Band. He was a maintenance employee for 13 years with the Granite City Park District.

**SURVIVORS** include his wife, Brenda (Kastner) Lee; three sons, Timothy, Bryan and James Lee, all of Granite City; two daughters, Heather and Jessica Lee, both of Granite City; five brothers, Bob Lee of Pontoon Beach, Connie Lee of Jerseyville, Harold Lee of Mount Olive, Eddie Lee of Mitchell and

David Lee of Smithton; six sisters, Karen Newingham of Seattle, Wash., Betty Daniels of Warden, Ky., Betty Allen Carboon, Mary Goodwin of Iberia, Mo., Kathy Burton of Pontoon Beach and Doris Murton of Granite City; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Faye Welton Lee; one sister, Bonnie Blankenship; and four brothers, Kenny, Paul, Teddy and John Lee.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Gus Falter officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pontoon Beach Lions Club.

**Dale R. Onkle**  
DALE R. ONKLE, 67, of Granite City, died at 3:50 a.m., Dec. 16, 1997, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City.

Mr. Onkle was born Aug. 2, 1930, in Madison. He was of Methodist faith and retired in 1983 from the Granite City Park District where he was a guard.

**SURVIVORS** include his wife, Betty Onkle; two sons, Randall Onkle of North Carolina, and 14, James Onkle of Fallon, Mo.; one daughter, Betty Finley of Maryland; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Blanche (Emery) Onkle; and one grandchild, James J. Onkle.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Alan Redfern officiating. Burial will be in Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association.

**Irene Deem**  
IRENE O. (COX) DEEM, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 1997, at her home.

Survivors include three grandchildren, David, Donald, and Amy

Arnett; and also one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Deem; two sons, Arthur, Donald, and Ronald; and grandson Donny.

Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, Dec. 17, at St. Timothy Catholic Church.

Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville. Funeral arrangements were handled by Kutis Affton Chapel.

Contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

**Clara Krause**  
CLARA (STAAP) KRAUSE, 87, of Clearwater, Fla., died Monday, Dec. 15, 1997, at BelleAir East Nursing Home.

She was born on Dec. 31, 1909, in Edwardsville and lived in Venice for 40 years. She retired a registered nurse from St. Elizabeth's and Barnes Hospitals. She was a former member of St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Survivors include one son, Richard Krause of Clearwater, Fla.; two grandsons, and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard Krause, whom she was married to for 53 years, and her parents, John and Katherine (Moeller) Staap.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at St. John's Cemetery, in Granite City, with the Rev. Robert Herold officiating.

Memorials can be made to Shriners Hospital, in care of Thomas Mortuaries.

**Thomas Sensabaugh**  
THOMAS E. SENSABAUGH SR., 67, of Granite City died Monday, Dec. 15, 1997, at 6:15 p.m. at home, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Sensabaugh was born March 7, 1930, in Charleston, Miss. He was a veteran of the Korean War and worked at the American Car Foundry, and retired in 1957.

He is survived by two sons, Thomas E. Sensabaugh Jr. of Tracy, Calif., and Bobby Sensabaugh of Los Angeles; one daughter, Sheri Sensabaugh of Granite City; two brothers, Carlos Sensabaugh of St. Louis, and Terry Sensabaugh of Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters, Cora Besserman, of Granite City, and Brown, of Fla.; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Perry and Aline (Hill) Sensabaugh; one son, Terry Sensabaugh; one daughter, Mary Sensabaugh; and two brothers, Billy and John Sensabaugh.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, Dec. 19, at Mercer Mortuary in Granite City.

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# Juvenile offenders will pay for incarceration \$10 per day charge is approved by board

## MADISON COUNTY

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

Juvenile offenders soon will pay for more than their crime.

Starting next year, those who can will be paying for their stay at the Madison County Juvenile Detention Home.

During its meeting Wednesday morning, the Madison County Board voted to charge a room and board fee of \$10 per day. The fees will be collected beginning Jan. 1.

Homer Henke, R-Moro, thought the fee should be higher. "I'm sure there are lots of parents who'd like to pay them \$10 a day to keep their kids," Henke said. "Isn't that a little soft?"

While several officials agreed that \$10 seemed like a low fee, they were told it is the maximum allowed by law.

The fees will be collected by the circuit clerk and deposited into the detention fund.

Dick Worthen, D-Alton, was the only member to vote against the measure.

Detention Home Director Steve Bowker doesn't expect the fees to be a boon for his facility.

With an average of 36 youths per day, who usually stay 18 and 20 days — the fees could generate significant revenue. They could, if parents were able to pay.

A very high percentage of our juveniles are represented by public defenders, and there are certain income guidelines that have to be met for that," Bowker said. "I don't foresee this as a large revenue source."

The \$10 fee isn't much when it's compared to the average \$10-per-day, per-juvenile cost. "It would be a good deal if we could get \$10 a day for each of these kids," Bowker said. "But I don't believe it will happen."

About one-third of the home's population is from other counties that contract with

"I'm sure there are lots of parents who'd like to pay them \$10 a day to keep their kids. Isn't that a little soft?"

Homer Henke  
Board member

Madison County to detain their youths. Those youngsters would not be assessed such fees, Bowker said.

## Goforth

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"We will bring him back irrespective of what he says," Haine said. Agreeing to waive extradition speeds up the process of bringing him back. Goforth won't be able to gain any favor by such a move either, he said.

Once he is back, Goforth faces his 25 years in jail, and then prosecution for unlawful flight from prosecution. That sentence would be from 3 to 5 years or more, consecutive to the original sentence, Haine said.

"To say I'm happy he's back in jail is an understatement," Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said. "It's a relief to the system to the Nth degree," he said. "It was a real travesty of justice."

Ruebhausen said the police heard rumors about him and his whereabouts over the time he was a fugitive.

The Goforth case was the biggest cocaine bust in Granite City history. Two and a half kilograms of cocaine were discovered June 2, 1993, in Goforth's home in the 2300 block of E. 23rd Street. Agents from the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwest Illinois also recovered with a search warrant \$5,000 in cash, three handguns, five long guns and jewelry.

Other items found included a plastic baggie, surveillance cameras, a guard dog and a product commonly used to "cut" cocaine — all confirming suspicions for law enforcement officials that Goforth was dealing drugs.

The street value of \$100,000. Goforth's home was searched based on information gained from a two-week investigation of Goforth's foster son, Rory D. Travis. Undercover agents purchased three ounces of cocaine on two occasions before arresting Travis. Agents under MEGSI Director Jere Juenger believed Goforth was Travis' supplier, and applied for warrants.

Goforth's attorneys, Morgan Scroggins and Bill Walker, successfully blocked an attempt by authorities to seize the jewelry under forfeiture laws. They later attempted to prevent the criminal trial on the possession charge, because, they argued, it would constitute double jeopardy after the forfeiture trial. The Appellate Court rejected that argument.

Then in 1996, Walker attempted to have the charge dismissed because the length of time between his arrest and the trial. Circuit Judge Lawrence Keshner rejected the motion.

Before the trial last year, Goforth was released on bond. Keshner revoked the bond the day the verdict was handed down, Dec. 6, 1996. Goforth had apparently skipped town the day before.

## FUNERAL SUMMARY

### Mark Mathews

MARK ELLIS MATHEWS, 93, of Granite City died at 11:40 a.m. Dec. 14, 1997, at Colonnades Nursing Home in Granite City.

Services were Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, 3860 Maryville Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Shane Smith officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Madison County, the American Cancer Society.

### Oliver Blancy

OLIVER ARTHUR BLANCY, 61, of Granite City died at 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997, at his home. His remains were cremated.

**Thomas Sensabaugh**  
THOMAS E. SENSABAUGH, 67, of Granite City died at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, 1997, at his home.

Arrangements pending at Mercer Funeral Home in Granite City.

### Bernice Starks

BERNICE STARKS, 87, of Granite City died Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997, at Caseville Nursing Home. She was born Nov. 22, 1910, in Hillsboro, Tenn.

Services were Tuesday at Mount Hope Cemetery in Belleville with the Rev. Patsy Roberts officiating.

### Elizabeth Arnold

ELIZABETH A. ARNOLD, 46, of Granite City died at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 1997, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. She was born Feb. 12, 1951, in Camden, Tenn.

Visitation was Wednesday at McRae's Chapel in Big Sandy, Tenn. The Rev. Clara Russell conducted graveside services.

Local arrangements were handled by Werner Chapel.

### Edward DeMann

EDWARD EARL DEMANN, 56, of Granite City died at 10:42 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997, at Community Memorial Hospital in Staunton. He was born Sept. 19, 1941, in Jackson County, Mo.

Services were Wednesday at Thomas Chapel.

### Luella Merchut

LUELLA "LOU" (BRAUN) MERCHUT, 75, of Belleville, died Friday, Dec. 12, 1997, at Castle Haven Care Center in Belleville. She was born Oct. 14, 1921, in Red Bud.

Visitation will be from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at Southern Colonial Funeral Home in Cahokia. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. John Myler officiating. Burial will be in Valhalla Cemetery in Dent County, Mo.

### Betty Perry

BETTY PERRY, 104, of Madison died Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Royal Heights Nursing Home in Belleville. She was a native of Earl, Ark.

Services were Wednesday at the Metro East Funeral Home with the Rev. Joseph Mukes officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

### James Williams

JAMES WILLIAMS, 33, of La Crosse, Wis., formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Dec. 10. He was born at Scott Air Force Base.

Visitation was Monday at Mercer Mortuary, 1410 Niedringhaus Ave. in Granite City.

Services were Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary.

### Kenneth Johnson

KENNETH VERNON JOHNSON, 77, formerly of Granite City, died Nov. 23, 1997, at St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach, Calif.

Services were Nov. 28 at Lakewood Community Church, 4919 Central in Beulah.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Deacon's Fund at Lakewood Village Community Church or to the St. Mary Medical Center Foundation, 1059 Linden Ave., Long Beach, Ca. 90805.

### Arthur S. Karrer

ARTHUR S. KARRER, 81, of Louisville, Ky., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 1997, at the Mountain View Nursing Center in Louisville after a one-year illness. He was born Dec. 6, 1915, in Granite City.

Services were Dec. 11 in Louisville.

Memorials to Bethel-St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 4004 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, or to the Louisville Hospice.

### David Davis

DAVID HENRY DAVIS, 66, of Granite City died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1997, in Madison. He was born March 3, 1931, in Pleasant, Mo.

Services were Friday at Calvary Pentecostal Assembly with the Rev. Mark Maynard officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children.

### Mildred Walker

MILDRED (BADER) WALKER, 74, of Granite City died at 1:18 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born July 31, 1923 in St. Louis.

Visitation was Dec. 11 at Mercer Mortuary, 1410 Niedringhaus Ave. in Granite City. Services were Friday with the Rev. Jeff Brady of New Testament Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hills in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association.

## Indictment

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Granite City, conspired to embezzle approximately \$40,000 from the union. It also alleges the four men accomplished the thefts by writing and authorizing checks for their personal use out of the union's bank account.

Joel Merkel, assistant U.S. attorney, said the conspiracy charge covers a period from January 1994 through January 1996. Three specific alleged overt acts checks from the union's account — took place July 29, 1994; March 15, 1995; and July 7, 1996.

The defendants face up to three years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and not more than three years of supervised release. A date for the arraignment has not been set, although it may happen within a month.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Labor, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Ranley R. Killian.

— Scott Kelly

## County

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day said. That estimate is based on Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund statistics where 55 people would opt for the program, five of whom hold positions that would not be refilled.

Under that scenario, the IMPF projects Madison County could save \$617,000 in the program's first year. But two-thirds of those savings — about \$425,600 — would have to be paid in benefits during that same year.

"We really don't know how much it's going to cost until it's done," Monday said. "Nobody could (participate) or they all could."



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## FAMILY

## Orchestra auditions set for Jan. 5

The Metro East Junior Philharmonic Orchestra will hold auditions for the second half of the 1997-1998 season on Monday, Jan. 5.

Auditions will be by appointment only. For information, registration times, and appointment times, please contact Sharron Lindsey at 277-2504. The deadline to schedule auditions is Dec. 30.

If you have already auditioned and/or currently playing in the orchestra, you do not have to audition again.

The Junior Orchestra is comprised of children, ages 9-18, from the Metro East area. There are currently 60 members. The orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Leon Burke III, is always looking for new members.

## Home Builders installs new board members

The Home Builders Association of Madison County installed the 1998 Board of Directors Nov. 21 during a banquet held at Pere Marquette Lodge.

The executive Board includes: President — Rick Riley, Riley Homes, Inc.; 1st Vice President — Jack Bailey, Bailey and Bailey, Inc.; 2nd Vice President — Lyle McNabb, Lloyd's Appliances; Marty White, AMK Heating and Cooling; James Steele, Ishmael Construction Directors; Jay Beard, Carlington Homes; Kathy Bertels, Bertels Development Co.; Doug Cooper — Barcom, Inc.; Jack McDoyle, MPS Mortgage, Paul Miller, Richards Brick Co.; Mike Wickenhauser, Mike Wickenhauser Homes, Inc. Life Directors — Charles Piro, Piro Rentals; John VonBergen, J.A. VonBergen Construction; National Director — Jack Bailey, Bailey and Bailey, Inc.; Wally Gorski — Association Vice President.

## Free GED classes slated

Belleville Area College is offering free General Educational Development classes beginning in January at the Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road.

A morning class will meet from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. weekdays, from Jan. 20 to Feb. 13. Registration for the class will take place at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20, in the Granite City Campus Cafeteria.

An evening class will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Jan. 15 to March 12. Registration will take place at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 15, also in the cafeteria.

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Amy Martin  
and Scott Hayhurst

## Martin-Hayhurst

Amy Martin, daughter of Tony and Chris Martin of Granite City, and Scott Hayhurst, son of Len and Joyce Hayhurst of Freeburg, have announced their engagement.

Martin is a 1993 graduate of Granite City Senior High School. She is employed at Illinois Eye Specialists in Maryville.

Hayhurst is a 1993 graduate of Freeburg High School and a 1995 graduate of Ranken Technical College. He is a network administrator with Managed Prescription Service in St. Louis.

The couple is planning a Sept. 19, 1998 wedding.

## BIRTHS

**Britney Davis**  
BRENT and CHARLOTTE DAVIS of Granite City have announced the birth of a girl.

Britney Nicole was born at 8:45 p.m. Nov. 4, 1997, at St. John's Mercy in St. Louis. She weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Fran Weible of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Glenn and Joyce Davis of Granite City.

**Paul McBride**  
RANDY and SUSAN McBRIDE of Granite City have announced the birth of a boy.

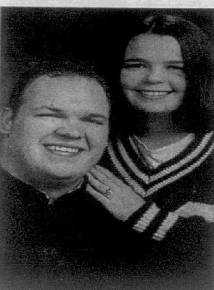
Paul Franklin was born at 5:05 p.m. June 13, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces, and joins Amber Morgan, 14, Cherie McBride, 11, and Ryan McBride, 10.

Maternal grandparents are Luke and Joan Wischnick of Collinsville. Paternal grandparents are Paul and Idamay McBride of Granite City.

**Sydney Brake**  
DAVID and MELANIE BRAKE of Valley Park, Mo., have announced the birth of their first child, a girl.

Sydney Lauren was born at 8:56 a.m. Oct. 11, 1997, at Missouri Baptist in St. Louis. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Grandparents are Susan Moritz (maternal) and Terry and Maria Brake (paternal), all of Granite City.

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Jennifer Wise  
and Matthew Bolandis

Jennifer Deniene Wise, daughter of Dave and Kathy Wise of Granite City, and Matthew James Bolandis, son of Jerry and Janet Bolandis of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Wise of Granite City is a 1995 graduate of Granite City High School and is a full-time student at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, where he is majoring in chemistry with a specialization in the medical sciences.

Bolandis is a 1994 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by Prairie Farms Dairy of Granite City. The couple is planning a Feb. 21, 1998 wedding at Concordia Lutheran Church in Granite City.



Christine  
and Marc Blumer

Christine Irene Ward and Marc Alan Blumer were married Oct. 18, 1997, at the Three Arts Club in Chicago.

The bride is the daughter of Julia Haug Ward of Granite City and Thomas P. Ward of St. Louis. A graduate of Parkway South High School in St. Louis County, she has a bachelor's degree in theater from Northwestern University. She is employed as a California wine buyer for Sam's Wine and Spirits in Chicago.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blumer of Orland Park, Ill. A graduate of Rich East High School in Park Forest, Ill., he has a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Illinois at Champaign. He is a production manager at INFOComm in Chicago.

After a honeymoon in Rome and northern Italy, the couple lives in Chicago.

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## Holtgrave-Kunz

Terri Lorraine Holtgrave and Troy Whitney Kunz were married Aug. 16, 1997 at Messiah Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Mo. by the Rev. Dennis Liebh.

The bride is the daughter of Linda and Wilfried Roder and Tom Holtgrave of Granite City. She earned a bachelor's in education from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1993, and is working on her master's in secondary education at SIUE. She is employed by Coolidge Middle School in Granite City as a teacher.

The groom is the son of Ronald and Della Kunz. He is a 1993 graduate of Southwest Missouri State with a bachelor's in business, and is a manager of Georgia Carpet Outlet in Hazelwood, Mo.

Grand Morrison of Edwardsville, cousin of the bride, was the maid of honor.

The bridesmaids were Carl Morrison, cousin of the bride; Sandi Morrison, cousin of the bride; and Carissa Hedrick, friend of the groom.

The best man was Craig Swoboda of St. Charles, friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were Brian Stowell, J.P. Abhear and

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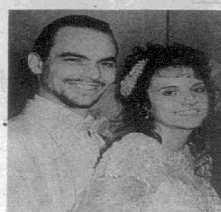
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Todd Hedrick, all friends of the groom.

The flower girl was Julia Green, cousin of the bride. Ringbearers were Christopher Green and Bailey Moore, cousins of the bride.

Ushers were Jeremy Holtgrave of Granite City, brother of the bride; Marc Roder of Mannheim, Germany; Dean Fletcher and Rob Fletcher of O'Fallon.

Guest book attendant was Ashley Green, cousin of the bride. Soloist was Pam Jacquin of Alton, and pianist was Ladonna Estal of St. Charles.

The reception was held at KC Hall in Granite City. After a honeymoon in Orlando and Clearwater Beach, Fla., the couple moved to St. Peters, Mo.

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COVER STORY: GRANITE CITY BASKETBALL (1940)

# 1940 Warriors made unlikely run to state title

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The 1939-40 basketball season dawned without any dreams of a state title for Granite City High School.

Coch Byron Bozarth and assistant Leonard Davis knew they had a quality team, but no one could have anticipated the success of a group of players from Lincoln Place, described as the "fighting sons of the Armenian, Bulgarian, German, Yugoslav and Magyar."

Andy Phillip, a 6-foot-3 senior, anchored the 1940 "Happy Warriors." He was joined by backcourt partner Andy Hagopian, a 5-9 sophomore; 6-3 center George Gages; 5-11 forward Evon Parsaghatian; and 5-8 forward Don Eftimoff.

The Warriors began the season with a 38-23 win at Staunton, but lost three of their next six games, including a 20-19 decision to conference foe Wood River. They entered the holiday break with a pedestrian record of 4-3.

But GCHS bounced back quickly, roaring to the Mount Vernon Christmas Tournament title with wins against Mattoon (45-39), Quincy (41-17), West Frankfort (45-22) and highly ranked Salem (39-32), considered the best team in southern Illinois.

Winning 17 of their last 18 regular season games, including their final five, the Warriors finished 21-4 overall, tied with Wood River at 31-2 for the Southwestern Conference title.

The Warriors opened regional play at Edwardsville with a 64-22 shellacking of Madison, and followed that one night later by pounding the host school 57-26.

The regional championship game was one of the most memorable in Southern Illinois



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roundball history. Wood River, behind the not hand of Joe Astor, dominated play from the opening tip, vaulting to a seemingly insurmountable 31-13 lead after three quarters. Suddenly, the Warriors caught fire. With Phillip setting the pace, Granite City outscored the Oilers 15-2 down the stretch, but it was not enough. Wood River prevailed 33-28.

Both the Oilers and the Warriors advanced to the Highland Sectional, where Bozarth's boys got back on track with a 64-27 blasting of Jerseyville. That gave Granite one more shot at Wood River, a team which had beaten them two of three tries. This time, Granite was not to be denied.



The Granite City boys basketball team won the program's only state championship in the 1940 season.

With Phillip scoring a game-high 14 points, the Warriors pinned a 35-22 defeat on the Oilers and gained, in the process, their second trip to state in three years.

The Warriors (25-4) met Streater (22-8), coached by Lowell "Pops" Dale, in the late Thursday night game to conclude first-round action at Champaign's Huff Gym. Granite advanced with an almost effortless 45-31 win.

The last quarterfinal game on Friday featured 26-4 Granite City going head-to-head with the tournament favorite, the 25-2 Redbirds of Dundee. Led by the powerful 1-2 punch of Clarence Massier and Ken Menke, Dundee had routed Rushville 72-47 on Thursday, looking unbeatable in the process.

The Warriors played tough through three quarters, trailing only 28-26 with eight minutes

to play. And when the Granite defense came alive in the fourth frame, as it had against Wood River in the regional finals, the upset was history.

GCHS outscored Dundee 7-2 in the last quarter to pocket an impressive 35-30 win.

"We played a slow-style offense, the kind of style Bozarth liked," said Phillip years later. "We always felt that if a team pressed us and put the pressure on us to pick up the pace, that it would give us some problems. But no one during the 1940 season ever did that — not even Dundee. Dundee was a run-and-gun team, but for some reason they played our style right along with us that game. I don't know why. It's very strange. To this day, I don't understand it."

Granite City also trailed after three quarters in the semifinals, outscoring Moline

15-9 in the last stanza to win 41-38 and reach the state championship game. But, the win was costly for the Warriors.

"I dove for a ball in the last minute of play and injured my arm," said Hagopian. "I returned from the hospital in time for the title game, but Bozarth knew, like I knew, that I couldn't play. He started me, just for the honor of it, then took me out. I couldn't do anything. I would have done more harm than good on the floor."

Phillip explained, "Bozarth really wanted Hagopian to play, even though he was hurt and in a harness and everything. Even if he couldn't shoot and score, Bozarth wanted him in there because he knew all the plays so well. But it just couldn't be."

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# First win

Lady Warriors apply pressure to Flyerettes

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The Granite City Lady Warriors outscored the East St. Louis Flyerettes 22-3 during a 10-minute span in the third and fourth quarters Tuesday night, limiting the Flyerettes to four second half field goals — during Granite City's convincing 51-28 victory.

It was Granite City's first win. The Flyerettes remain winless.

After a nearly even first quarter, which left Granite City clinging to an 8-7 lead, the Lady Warriors picked up their defensive intensity.

As soon as Erika Todd entered the game, the defensive pressure was turned up a notch," said coach John Moad, who picked up his first varsity win. "She was kind of the spark that ignited us, and it carried us over into the second half."

GCHS held an 11-4 advantage in the second quarter, giving the red-and-black a 22-1 edge at halftime.

"In the second half, it was a different ballgame," said Moad. "We played very well the last 16 minutes. We lacked intensity in the first half and, as a result, we let East St. Louis stay in the game. But we really turned things up in the second half. Our girls came out and played hard. They won it in the second half. All the credit goes to them."

After a spectacular spinning layup by Sharing Conrad pulled East Side within 25-13 with 4 minutes left, no one else cut the gap to 33-15 heading into the fourth frame.

When Debra Aaron followed a Tiffany Shanklin free throw with an eight-foot jumper with 5:30 left to play, it ignited a 10-0 Warriors spurt that spanned nearly the rest of the game. The score was 47-16 with only 52 seconds remaining.

Aaron had a huge night for the Lady Warriors, picking up game-high totals in points (12) and rebounds (10), with two steals and a blocked shot thrown in for good measure.

"For a girl who has only played organized basketball for two years, we can't expect much more of Debra Aaron than she gave us tonight," Moad said. "She does a lot for us at both ends of the floor. Along with (Jessica) Wallace, she's the go-to girls on offense for us. Debra worked very hard tonight. She was all over the court on the press in the second quarter. She was the difference in the game tonight."

Backing up Aaron were Wallace with 11 points and Della Moore with eight.

For the Flyerettes, Conrad netted 5 points while Shanklin scored five.

"Sharing Conrad is about the only thing I have on the floor at this point in the year," said East Side coach Ron Hopkins. "After teams find out what she can do and where she is on the floor, they usually neutralize her. As of yet, no one else has stepped up for us when Sharing isn't scoring. And that makes it very hard for us to stay in a game, let alone win one."

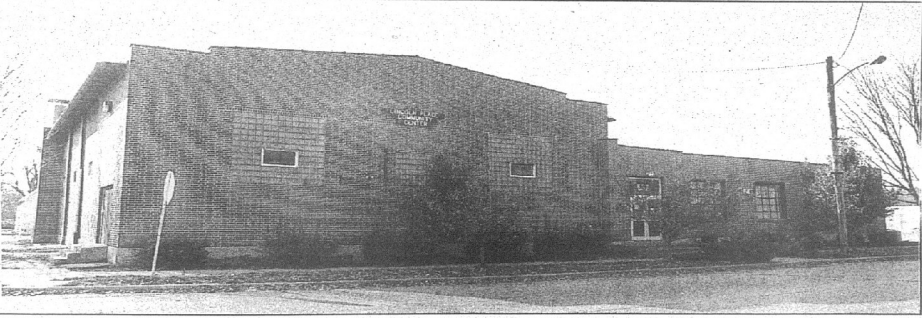
It was the end of a frustrating losing streak for Granite City. The Lady Warriors had played several good teams close, but still entered Tuesday's game with a 0-10 mark.

"This was huge for the girls. It was nice to walk into that locker room and see smiles on their faces. They were happy and proud," said Moad. "We have played some very good teams very close, but haven't been able to get over the hump. Hopefully, this win has

(See BASKETBALL, Page 3B)

# Happy place

Staff photo by JOHN FRIESE



The Lincoln Place Community Center on Niedringhaus was where several members of the 1940 Granite City High School basketball team grew up playing the game. It turned out to be a good mix of players both on and off of the floor. The "Happy Warriors" went on to win the state title.

# Granite City team reflected melting pot

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

When the Coin Products Plant opened in Granite City in 1904, Slovaks, Croats, Greeks, Serbians and others found homes behind the Commonwealth of America Steel plants, Macedonians and Bulgarians lived west of the tracks in "Hungary Hollow," which was such dubbed in 1907, when 5,000 immigrants came to Granite City to find jobs — causing the city's foreign population to become so large that the Federal Immigration Commission included it in its survey of "melting pots."

By 1912, Russians, Lithuanians and Rumanians lived behind the mill. Granite City was by that time a textbook American melting pot.

The 1940 "Happy Warriors," coached by Byron Bozarth, were not just state basketball champions of Illinois, but were truly America's Team, as no other state champion has ever been.

All five starters, and seven of the 11 team members, hailed from Lincoln Place. Names betrayed nationalities: Andy Phillip (formerly Fulop), Evon Parsaghatian, Andy

"All the stories about Evon Parsaghatian and I communicating to each other in Armenian are true."

Andy Hagopian

Hagopian, Dan Eftimoff, Edward Mueller, Sam Mouradian, Johnny Markanian, Tony Georgeff and George Gages.

"All the stories about Evon Parsaghatian and I communicating to each other in Armenian are true," said Andy Hagopian, who is now retired, living in Granite City and overseeing the Armenian Community Center.

"If Evon was taking a jump ball, for example, I would look the situation over and then tell him in Armenian exactly what I was going to do."

"Nobody else knew what we were talking about, and I think it gave us a slight edge in games from time to time."

"We all grew up together and

played together all the time in Lincoln Place," said Phillip, now living in California.

"That made us a much better team than we would have been otherwise. We knew what the other person was going to do."

"We could anticipate each others' moves."

"We played together so well as a team because we had played together for so long as kids."

But for most of the 1939-40 season, the state tournament was not even a dream to them, because they came from the "wrong side of the tracks" from Lincoln Place — and not just geographically.

(See MELTING POT, Page 2B)

# Phillip led march to state crown

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

While the Granite City Warriors were stunning the state by capturing the 1940 IHSA state basketball championship, all-state guard Andy Phillip was wowing the state with his unforgettable style of play.

"Andy Phillip was the greatest basketball player I ever saw," said teammate Andy Hagopian. "No one else was even close. And he was at his best in the state tournament. He carried us through the tournament and in the championship game. In fact, he carried us all season long."

Phillip won the tournament scoring title going away and was a unanimous pick for the all-tournament first team at Champaign.

He scored 15 of Granite City's 24 points

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## SPORTS

COVER STORY: GRANITE CITY BASKETBALL (1940)

## •1940

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The Warriors struggled without Hagopian against a methodical Herrin team in the championship clash.

The Tigers took a 2-0 lead and fashioned it into a 16-11 halftime advantage.

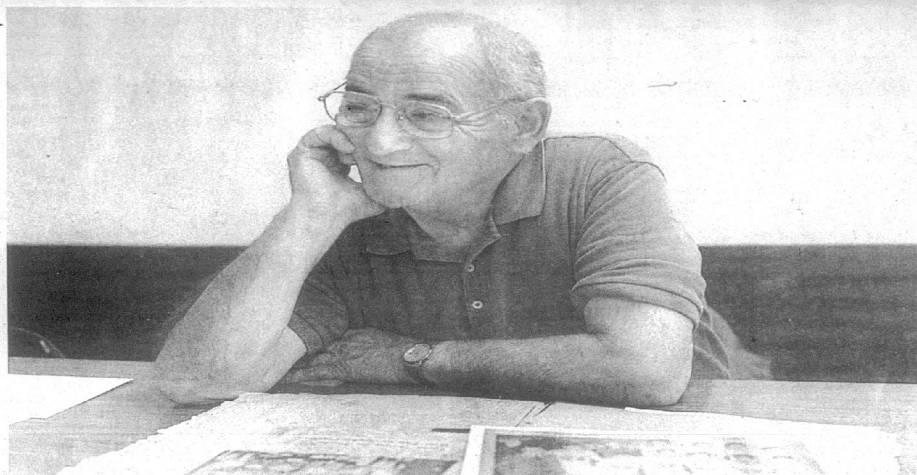
The Granite defense once more rose to the occasion, this time in the third quarter, shutting out Herrin for the eight minute stretch, and for 12 minutes total, to pull within 16-15 with a quarter to play.

Phillip's basket to start the last stanza gave Granite City its first lead of the game, 17-15. But Herrin countered with baskets from Edward Parsons and all-stater Fred Campbell to move ahead by three, 20-17.

Phillip scored again, this time from near mid-court, to pull the Warrior within 20-19. Campbell hit for Herrin with five minutes to play, and the margin again was three. Phillip's free throw cut the Tigers' lead to 22-20 and set the stage for the incredible finish.

Phillip sank another long shot to knot the score at 22-22 with 48 seconds remaining. Campbell missed a free throw seconds later, but the Warriors failed to cash in at the other end. Herrin responded with a three-on-two fast break, but missed the close-in shot. Leon Davis grabbed the rebound, passed to Parsons, whose short shot also missed. Phillip then grabbed the biggest rebound of his high school career.

Phillip passed to Edittoff, who dribbled into open space,



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Andy Hagopian reflects on 1940, when he was a member of the Granite City High School basketball team that won the IHSA state basketball championship.

passed to Edward Hoff, who fell as he passed to a charging Evon Parsaghatian. Parsaghatian put in the lay-up with only 12 seconds to play. Campbell's half-court heave sailed over the Herrin basket, giving

Granite City a 24-22 win and the school's only state championship in basketball.

Granite City became, along with Cicero Morton one year later, the only schools in Illinois basketball history to lose

the regional tournament and still win state. As a final chapter in Andy Phillip's high school story, the all-tournament guard scored 15 of the Warriors' 24 points, nine of their 13 in the second half.

"It was an incredible, wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime experience. It was unforgettable," said Hagopian.

Even today, Granite City remembers.

## •Melting pot

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"We never once thought about winning the state championship or even about getting to state," said Hagopian. "We were just kids playing basketball, nothing more. Our thoughts, our attention, were simply on doing well in the conference. We didn't really think beyond that."

"But when we beat Dundee at state, then we knew we were a championship caliber team. Then, and not until then, we knew we could win state. That was the first such thought we ever had."

"After we won the state championship, we were no longer really viewed as the kids from the wrong side of the tracks," Hagopian added. "We were accepted. And people suddenly realized that it was all right to cross the tracks and come to Lincoln Place."

Phillip agreed. "Our winning the state title was a tremendous thing for us, for the high school, for Lincoln Place and for Granite City," he said. "When the bus arrived at Lincoln Place from Champaign, the whole place turned out. It was unbelievable. It was good for the city."

"It kind of helped Lincoln Place be accepted as part of the city and not just as that place beyond the tracks."

"I look back, and I don't know how we did it," Phillip continued. "We were just a bunch of kids. We had no idea what we were doing, or what it meant, or what it would mean in the future. We were just a bunch of kids, coming together as a true melting pot, playing basketball and having a great time in the process. That's all."

But now, nearly 58 years later, it still represents the fulfillment of a true American dream.

## •Phillip

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City's 24 points in the title game, including nine of his team's 13 points in the second half.

"Andy Phillip was one of those rare players who was always at the right place at the right time," said Dick Yates, who played with Phillip when the latter was a sophomore and watched the all-stater in the 1940 state tournament.

"He wasn't exceptionally fast on the floor. But what he had was great basketball savvy. He had a great floor sense and game sense. That, to me, was his strong point. And he had a good shot, good vision, and reacted well, and correctly, to everything that happened."

Phillip assessed his own game succinctly: "I think what made me a good basketball player was that I had a good sense of, a good feel for the game. I think that was most important. Then I could jump, I could shoot, I could dribble — and shoot — with both hands. I also had good vision, good instinct and was a play-maker."

## PROFILE

Andy Phillip  
basketball highlights

Granite City High School (1938-1940)  
— Played on two GCHS state tournament teams (1939, 40).  
— Played on 1940 state championship team.  
— First team all-state (1940).  
— First team IHSA All-tournament (1940).  
— IHSA state tournament scoring leader (1940).  
— 1940 state championship game leading scorer.

University of Illinois (1942-1943, 1947)  
— Three-year letter winner (1942, '43, '47).  
— University of Illinois Most Valuable Player (1942, '43).  
— University of Illinois leading scorer (1942, '43, '47).  
— First team All-American (1942, '43, '47).  
— Consensus All-American (1942, '43, '47).  
— All-Big Ten (1942, '43, '47).  
— Big Ten Most Valuable Player (1943).  
— College Player of the Year (1943).  
— Member of the U of I's "Whiz Kids," ranked No. 1 in the nation (1943).  
— Scored a U of I record 40 points on March 1, 1943 — his last game before entering the armed services.

Professional Career  
— Played for Chicago (1949-50), Philadelphia (1951-52), Fort Wayne (1953-56) and Boston (1956-58).  
— Five-time NBA All-Star (1951, '52, '53, '54, '55).  
— Played in three NBA finals (1955, '56, '58).  
— Played on Boston Celtics NBA championship team (1958).

Career Honors  
— Member, Granite City Sports Hall of Fame.  
— Member, Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame.  
— Member, Naismith (National) Basketball Hall of Fame.

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— Andy Phillip

1940 GCHS basketball player

After his high school career, Phillip went on to star for the University of Illinois, where he was the hub of the renowned "Whiz Kids" from 1941-43 and again, during the 1946-47 school year.

But a sparkling collegiate career almost never materialized.

"Before going to Champaign to play in the state tournament, I had never really been away from home in my life," Phillip remembered. "The experience was something totally new. In fact, when I went to the University of Illinois as a freshman, I got terribly homesick and actually left school and went home. But mom sent me back."

Lucky for Illinois.

The Whiz Kids were formed of all-Illinois players, one of whom — Ken Menke of Dundee — had played against Phillip in the 1940 state tournament. Joining Phillip (6-foot-3) and Menke (6-3) on the U of I starting lineup those years were 6-5 Art Matheisen of Dwight, 6-3 Gene Vance of Clinton and 6-3 Jack Smiley of Waterman. Dwight Eddleman of Centralia joined the group for the 1942-43 season.

Illinois was ranked No. 1 in the nation during Phillips' junior year, when the Granite City native was voted College Player of the Year, but World War II broke up the team and the dream of a national championship.

Phillip joined the Marines and went to Paris Island. After officers school, he went into the infantry, spending all of his time during the war on Iwo Jima. "Somehow, I survived," he said. "I was fortunate. Many did not survive. I returned to the U of I and finished there in 1946."

But Phillip was not through with basketball. He played professionally in the old BBA, predecessor of the NBA.

"There was no draft then," Phillip explained. "I liked Har-

old Olson, the coach at Ohio State. So, knowing that he had taken the job as head coach with the Chicago Stags, I went to Chicago and made the team. I played with the Stags for three years — 1947, '48 and

'49 — then the team disbanded. Our names were put into a hat at least, that's what they told us — and my name was drawn by Philadelphia. I played with them for two years. They then sold me to Fort Wayne (Ind.). And I went from there to the Boston Celtics, where I played for Red Auerbach on his first NBA championship team."

Phillip was an NBA all-star five years running, from 1951-55. But with all his accomplishments, he has never forgotten his roots.

"Those days in Granite City were the formative days of my life," said Phillip. "It was in high school, playing for Coach Bozarth, that I learned the fundamentals of the game of basketball. Fundamentals were then, are now and always will

be the secret to success in basketball. You couldn't play for Bozarth and not be fundamentally sound. He demanded it. That enabled me to be successful at higher levels later on."

"Sometimes it seems like

1940 was just the other day," he added. "I can still taste the excitement. I remember it vividly and enjoy re-living the memories."

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## SPORTS

## PREP/COLLEGE STANDINGS

## METRO EAST HOCKEY

Southern Division			
Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Granite City	20-1	4-0-1	24
Alton	3-10	4-10	32
Belleville West	3-10	4-10	32
Collinsville	2-20	2-30	16
Belleville East	0-1	1-1	1
O'Fallon	0-1	1-1	1
Cahokia	0-1	1-1	1

Northern Division			
Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Roxana	2-0	3-0	15
Alton	1-0	1-1	9
Marquette	0-0	0-1	5
Edwardsville	0-1	1-2	10
Civil Memorial	0-1	1-1	8
Wood River	0-1	0-2	18
Plaza SW	0-1	0-2	1

## GIRLS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference			
Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Edwardsville	3-1	3-3	3
Belleville East	2-1	2-3	3
Alton	2-1	2-3	3
Collinsville	2-1	2-3	3
Belleville West	1-1	1-5	1
Granite City	1-1	1-5	1
E. St. Louis	0-1	0-8	8

Mississippi Valley			
Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Highland	2-0	2-1	1
Jayville	2-0	2-1	1
Civic Memorial	1-1	1-1	1
Mascoutah	0-1	0-2	2
Waterloo	0-2	0-2	2
Triad	0-2	0-2	2

Cahokia			
Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Cahokia	2-1	2-1	2
Breese C.	1-0	1-0	0
Freeburg	2-1	2-1	2

## BOYS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference			
Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Edwardsville	3-1	3-3	3
Belleville East	2-1	2-3	3
Alton	2-1	2-3	3
Collinsville	2-1	2-3	3
Belleville West	1-1	1-5	1
Granite City	1-1	1-5	1
E. St. Louis	0-1	0-8	8

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Mascoutah	0-1	0-2	2
Waterloo	0-2	0-2	2
Triad	0-2	0-2	2

Cahokia			
Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Cahokia	2-1	2-1	2
Breese C.	1-0	1-0	0
Freeburg	2-1	2-1	2

## Weslin

Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Weslin	2-1	4-4	26
Dupo	0-1	4-4	26
Lebanon	1-0	2-6	26
Columbia	0-1	2-6	26
New Athens	0-3	0-7	26
Red Bud	0-4	0-8	26

South Seven			
Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Weslin	2-1	4-4	26
Dupo	0-1	4-4	26
Lebanon	1-0	2-6	26
Columbia	0-1	2-6	26
New Athens	0-3	0-7	26
Red Bud	0-4	0-8	26

Independents			
Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Weslin	2-1	4-4	26
Dupo	0-1	4-4	26
Lebanon	1-0	2-6	26
Columbia	0-1	2-6	26
New Athens	0-3	0-7	26
Red Bud	0-4	0-8	26

## Team

Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Breese C.	2-0	8-0	8
Red Bud	2-0	4-0	4
Dupo	1-0	5-2	2
O'Fallon	1-0	1-1	1
Weslin	1-1	1-1	1
Columbia	0-1	4-3	3
Lebanon	0-1	1-6	6
New Athens	0-1	0-7	7
Freeburg	0-1	1-2	2
Marissa	0-2	1-5	5

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Breese C.	2-0	8-0	8
Red Bud	2-0	4-0	4
Dupo	1-0	5-2	2
O'Fallon	1-0	1-1	1
Weslin	1-1	1-1	1
Columbia	0-1	4-3	3
Lebanon	0-1	1-6	6
New Athens	0-1	0-7	7
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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

essica Wallace scored 11 points for Granite City on Tuesday night to help the Lady Warriors defeat East St. Louis 51-22.

## •Basketball

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pushed us over. To the girls' credit, they've never been down on themselves and we've lost some heartbreakers. The girls never quit. We're not satisfied to keep playing good teams close. We want to win."

The frustration, however, continues for Hopkins and his Flyersettes, who are still in search of their first win.

"Sharing Conrad is the only bright spot so far this year," said Hopkins. "But the girls are coming along. Pretty soon, we'll be better. By the end of the season, we should be a bit

more competitive. It's hard keeping the girls motivated. But they're good kids. Most kids would have quit by now. But these girls have that inner desire to play. They work hard and they don't quit."

Granite City is off until Dec. 29, when the Lady Warriors play in the Mascoutah Tournament.

Granite City 51, East St. Louis 22

Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Granite City	5-1	11-1	11
East St. Louis	1-0	1-0	1
Shelton	1-0	1-0	1
Tiffany Chandra	1-0	1-0	1
Bentley Hickey	1-0	1-0	1
Shasta Clark	1-0	1-0	1

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## Elks tournament drew 55 entries

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The 13th annual Elks Thanksgiving Soccer Tournament, sponsored by the Granite City Elks Lodge No. 1063,

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was Nov. 23-30 at Soccer For Fun in Pontoon Beach.

The indoor tournament, consisting of 33 boys teams and 22 girls teams, offered competition for boys under-9 through high school, girls under-10 through high school and an open men's and women's open division.

Championship results were as follows:

**BOYS**  
Under-9: Collinsville Hot Shots  
4, Elks Red 2.

Under-10: Elks 3, Hot Knights 2.

Under-11: Elks 2, Top Gun 1.

Under-12: Elks White 3, G Squad 3 (Elks White wins by points, 10-8).

**GIRLS**  
Under-10: Elks 3, Metro F.C. 1 (penalty kicks).

Under-11: Elks 3, Collinsville United 1.

Under-12: C.I. Rowdies tied Elks '86 (C.I. Rowdies won on points, outscoring the Elks 9-6 during week-long tournament action).

High school: Alton Belle 5, Collinsville Spirits 4.

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Randy Witter was the director of this year's tournament.

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# Granite City hockey alumni battle set for Monday

The Granite City Warriors hockey club of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association will conduct its 19th annual Alumni Game, 3:45 p.m. Monday at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. There will be no charge to spectators. Any graduate who played with the Granite City Warriors hockey club is eligible to participate in the Alumni Game. Both professional and collegiate alumni are scheduled to participate. Odd years will battle even years through a full game of three 20-minute periods.

## Baseball clinic

The Granite City Park District and Granite City High School baseball announce a cooperative Baseball Coaching Clinic scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday (Jan. 27-28) at the Granite City High School Memorial Gymnasium.

Sessions are set for 6:15-8:30 p.m. both nights. Instructions, drills and demonstrations will highlight both evening sessions. Topics to be covered include pitching, catching, outfield play, infield play (by position), hitting and bunting. Registration is taking place at the Granite City Park District office. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$15 for players (7 years old and up), \$20 for an adult and a player, and \$25 for a family (more than two). Enrollment is limited. Volunteer instructors include Kirk Champion, Chicago White Sox pitching coach with 10 years experience, including nine as a college pitching coach; Keith Champion, a major league advance scout for the Chicago Cubs with 15 years of experience and also a former player, coach and manager; Bob Champion, former GCHS high school coach (1974-80) and former major league scout; and Bob Stegemier, a former GCHS coach (1974-83) and former professional player.

All proceeds will be shared equally by the baseball programs at Granite City High School and the Granite City Park District.

## JJK to speak

Jackie Joyner-Kersey, six-time Olympic medalist and East St. Louis native, will speak at Fontbonne College's commencement.

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exercises on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Dunham Student Activity Center on Fontbonne's campus. More than 300 graduates will be awarded degrees at one of the largest December commencements in Fontbonne history. Joyner-Kersey will also receive an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, in recognition of her achievements in athletics and efforts to support and encourage young people.

## Pheasant hunting

Pheasant hunting at Horseshoe Lake in Madison County began Wednesday. Hunting is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Hunting fee is \$22 for two pheasants (either sex). On Jan. 15, both pheasant and quail may be hunted. Jan. 18 is the last day to hunt pheasant. Rabbits may also be hunted, beginning Jan. 18.

Steve Alwerdt will supply pheasants. Make reservations by calling Horseshoe Lake at (618) 931-0270 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

## New director

Granite City native Dave Fernandez has been named associate director of Metro FC, a professionally-run soccer club based in the Troy-Edwardsville area of Southern Illinois. A 1981 graduate of Granite City South High School and a member of Granite City's Soccer Hall of Fame, Fernandez is remembered for his ball wizardry and unprecedented creative flair.

Following the four state championships won by the Warriors while Dave attended South, he started for four years — and was captain — at Saint Louis University.

Since leaving SLU, Fernandez has won three state championships as a high school coach in Louisville, Ky. Most recently, he was the head soccer coach at Bellarmine College and was the coaching director at Mockingbird Valley Soccer Club.

## Golf scramble

The Legacy is conducting a three-person scramble on Jan. 1, 1998, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

The scramble will be flighted based on the number of teams.

The cost is \$45 per player and includes green fee, cart and 18 holes of golf. A skins game, for \$5 per person, is optional.

For information, call 931-GOLF or (314) 726-GOLF.

## Baseball camps

FAC Sports Camps and BAC baseball coach Neil Pajala will conduct two hitting camps and one pitching camp at Belleville Area College Intramural Gym, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, Ill. The hitting camps, \$65 per session, are Dec. 29-31 (9-11:30 a.m.) and Jan. 5-7 (5:30-8 p.m.). The pitching camp is \$45 and runs Dec. 29-31 (12:30-2 p.m.).

For a registration sheet, call (618) 235-2700, ext. 371 during the day, or (314) 487-2768 in the evening.

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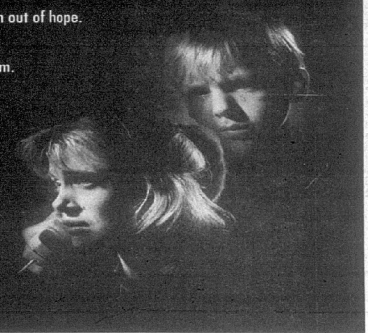
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# Fairmount announces 1998 schedule

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

The horses at Fairmount Park will be racing less in 1998, but it is a good thing for the race track in Collinsville. Fairmount Park general manager Brian Zander announced Tuesday the track will offer 116 harness racing dates and 100 thoroughbred dates.

"By shortening our thoroughbred racing schedule, Fairmount Park will improve our race cards by awarding larger

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purse money and attracting more competitive races," Zander said.

Fairmount Park cut 25 racing dates from its thoroughbred schedule, with the approval from the Illinois Racing Board and area horsemen. The cuts will enable the track to increase the minimum purses for each race by \$1,000 from \$2,600 to \$3,600.

The 1998 Fairmount Park schedule will begin earlier (March 27) and end earlier than in years past (Sept. 13).

Live thoroughbred racing will be featured four days a week; Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 1 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

Live harness racing will also be featured four days a week: Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m. and Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 1-March 1 and Sept. 19-Dec. 31.

Fairmount Park will continue to simulcast races from around the country seven days a week.

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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 18). Exciting developments on the love front bring happiness to every corner of your life. Savor the sweet abundance already available to you. In January, you get a second chance for something you thought was lost forever. However, you must look for the opportunity. Leo and Aries sweethearts are the most sup-

portive. Give in March, when others will depend on your contribution.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Provide a leadership role, and steer clear of short fuses. Laugh, even when no one else does. Pretending you are somebody else will teach you something valuable. The company of friends does wonders for you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Others perceive you as able-bodied and exuberant. Unexpected crises will require an original approach. Delay correspondence, and beware of impulsive speech since you could hurt someone's feelings.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Take advantage of an excellent opportunity to make a change. Lend a sympathetic ear to a

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needy loved one. A Sagittarius is generous. A phone call or visit will stir hopes.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You will receive hordes of attention from the opposite sex. Your goals are noble. Do

things on a grand scale. Look at the big picture instead of bits and pieces. Give an elder attention. Make business and financial plans.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Singles will find Gemini and Cancer to be ideal companions. Plan a romantic getaway. Enlarge your sphere of knowledge with high-minded pursuits. Impatience could get in the way of happy relations.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). State your case clearly. Follow the golden rule, and be positive. Impulses are different from intuition. Go to the highest level of consciousness. You're on the verge of something magnificent; don't give up!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Let your imagination go wild

and lead you to the great unknown. Exchange ideas with others. Something you thought was lost appears right in front of you. Check for quality and guarantees when you buy.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Avoid a rigid partnership. A brilliant scheme comes to fruition. Your powers of persuasion will win support. Accept a loved one's apology, and go out tonight. Divide your time equally between home and outside interests.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This is a favorable time to pay off debts. Keep your innermost feelings secret until you're sure. Daydreaming is fine, unless you get lost. Your religious and philosophical values mean a lot to you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Separate your emotions from a work issue. If you visualize the finished product, work will go easily. Your confidence attracts others in business and romance. Eat, drink, and be merry.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Look before you leap. Let someone know that you admire him or her. A team spirit works best. Your mind is razor sharp, and your eye for detail is keen. Patience and persistence are vital virtues.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). People-watching provides new insights. The future appears more stable than it has recently. Attempt the impossible. Your extraordinary performance surprises even you! Teach others a lesson you learned long ago.

## 'Scream 2' will thrill film buffs, horror fans

A sorority house features a staircase straight out of "Psycho." A lovely college student is stalked while "Nosferatu" plays on video. Courtney Cox's character cracks a Jennifer Aniston joke. Even Tori Spelling plays herself — and, appropriately, does a bad job.

The killer, finally revealed, offers this: "I've got my whole defense planned out — I'm going to blame the movies."

How perfect.

And Wes Craven's "Scream 2," for what it is (mindless violence with a brain, to coin an oxymoron), is perfect as well. If ever there was a movie fan's horror movie, this is it. It's crisp, funny and film-student smart, loving with the conventions of classic slasher schlock even better than its predecessor. And it's intelligently self-conscious

without being attack-of-the-killer-tomatoes cloying.

The premise: Sidney Prescott (the luminous Neve Campbell of TV's "Party of Five"), who was stalked and lost a movie's worth of friends to a grotesquely masked, knife-wielding killer in "Scream," is attending college. It's two years after the killings in her small town, and tabloid TV reporter Gale Weathers (Cox) has written a book about the bloodshed that has been made into a movie. A movie called "Stab."

At the premiere, a woman (Jada Pinkett) is stabbed to death, and the campus bloodshed begins — sort of interesting, since the two

killers from the first movie were themselves killed really, really dead at the end of it. "Scream" (1996) Craven's homage to horror flicks (including his own), also introduced Deputy Sheriff Dewey Riley (David Arquette). Dewey ("Call me Dwight") appears on campus to support Sidney. Gale appears with a TV camera, and we're off.

One by one, the sports-bra-wearing, washboard-ab-sporting members of entertainment's new brat pack start either dropping like flies or becoming suspects. Before it's all over, Jerry O'Connell ("Jerry McGuire"), Sarah Michelle Gellar ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer"), Liev Schreiber, Jamie Kennedy and Elise Neal get caught up in the chaos.

Is one of them the killer? Does it really matter? After all, says annoying but endearing film student Randy Meeks (Kennedy), the only thing that's important is that



Neve Campbell and Jerry O'Connell in Wes Craven's "Scream 2."

all of them "observe the rules of a sequel" — including more elaborate deaths and, of course, a higher body count. "One of the best scenes, in fact, comes during a discussion in Randy's film class about the murders and about whether sequels are ever better. It quickly metastasizes into a lively debate about whether movies bear responsibility for violence."

"Movies are not responsible for our actions," declares Cici (Gellar). But, warns Randy, "Multiplexes are very dangerous places to be these days."

Other wonderful moments, without giving away too much: Portia De Rossi as perfect stereotypical sorority sisters: "Hi!" says one. "No—I really

MEAN that."

Arquette, whose dimwitted yet intrepid Dewey is the movie's best character: His interplay with Cox is charming; she is an unrepentant TV reporter, and he gives her a

constant presence of media — from a stalking in a video editing room to Heather Graham playing Drew Barrymore playing a victim from the first movie in "Stab."

Ultimately, "Scream 2" is the most self-referential film ever — a parody of a parody

that has some fascinating things to say about modern mass media. It makes fun of everything — including itself. Violence, even in parody, is frightening. Movies that revel in such violence need to be thought about. But it's the same violence that is also exciting, exhausting and occasionally very erotic. That's why we keep watching.

And that's why, despite its darkness and blood, "Scream 2" is a fascinating piece of work for a post-media society trying to figure out exactly whom to blame.

"Scream 2" is directed by Craven and produced by Cathy Konrad and Marianne Maddalena from a Kevin Williamson script. It is rated R.

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For information about special hotel packages that combine special rates, reserved admission to the casino and transportation between downtown hotels and the Queen, call 1 (800) 777-0777. The Casino Queen cruises 11 times daily, every day of the year, departing on the odd hour from 9 a.m. to 5 a.m. Parking in the adjacent lot is free.

## Free poetry contest offered

The International Library of Famous Poets is sponsoring a free poetry contest, boasting 28 prizes in all, open to everyone.

The deadline for entering is Jan. 6. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants on or

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To enter, send one poem on any subject and any style, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, 421 N. Rodco Dr., Suite 15-344, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 or enter on-line at www.famouspoets.com.

## 'Tops' to perform at Scott Air Force Base

Tops in Blue, the premiere entertainment showcase of the United States Air Force will perform at Scott Air Force Base Jan. 4, at 6 p.m. in Hangar One. The highly acclaimed

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# Today's Food

## Whip up wholesome goody as memento of the season

Few gifts make a heartier stir this time of year than homemade goodies from the kitchen. Foods that are healthful, as well as festive, are twice as nice. Try making one or more of these simple, inventive presents that evoke delight with a minimum of time and expense on the giver's part.

• Fill a wine bottle with wine vinegar, spices and herbs to create herb vinegar. Use it as a piquant flavor in everything from marinade to vinaigrette.

Place a handful of fresh herbs—such as basil, sage or tarragon, without chopping—in a clean wine bottle. Add 2 tablespoons spices, such as peppercorns or whole cloves and a high-quality red or white wine vinegar. Seal the bottle with a cork. The mixture should steep two weeks before using it. Before gift-giving time, decorate the cork with a ribbon and wrap the bottle in colorful fabric.

• Drink mixes are another simple, thoughtful gift to prepare easily. Friends and family will love a spiced mocha mix. In a blender, place 1/4 to 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup freeze-dried coffee, 1/4 cup cocoa, 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg and

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon. Blend 15 seconds. Stir, then blend 15 seconds longer. Place the powdered mix in a decorative holiday jar or tin. Attach preparation directions on a gift card: For each serving, place two to three teaspoons mix in a cup, fill with boiling water, stir.

• Homemade jam or jelly may seem like a formidable project, but an easy one like cranberry conserve is a snap to make. Simmer 2 cups water and 2 cups sugar in a large saucepan 10 minutes. Add 4 cups cranberries, grated peel of 1 orange and juice of 1 lemon. Cook over high heat 20 minutes until thick syrup forms. Ladle into hot, sterilized jars and seal. Store in the refrigerator or freezer.

• Baked goods like Apricot Drops are always a welcome gift, especially for people who have extra people around looking for a sweet bite to eat near the mistletoe.

For a free brochure with menus and recipes to help lower cancer risk, write to: American Institute for Cancer Research, Department MR, P.O. Box 97167, Washington, D.C. 20069-7167. Registered dietitian

Melanie Polk is director of nutrition for the AICR in Washington.

### APRICOT DROPS

- 1 egg
- 2 tbs. oil
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tbs. orange juice
- 1 cup unleached flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. grated orange rind
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 cup coarsely chopped, dried apricot

Preheat oven to 350°. Coat 2 baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray.

Using electric mixer, beat egg, brown sugar, oil and orange juice thoroughly. Add flour, baking powder, orange rind and salt. Mix well. Add apricots. Stir to combine.

Drop batter by rounded teaspoonful about 2 inches apart on prepared baking sheets. Bake in preheated oven 10 to 12 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned.

Cool on wire rack. Makes 2 dozen cookies, 61 calories and 1 g fat each.

## Party animal celebrates, but keeps weight on leash

Holidays can be a calorie-conscious person's worst nightmare. Not only are they filled with parties, often spread over a long weekend, but there is a constant onslaught of chocolate candy, platters of homemade goodies, mounds of hors d'oeuvres and drinks that don't quit.

This barrage does not mean disaster. A few tactics encourage enjoyment of these once-a-year foods without overeating:

• Don't waste your waist—calories on less than favorite foods. Chips, nuts, pretzels and party mixes usually fall into this category. These are foods a person grabs impulsively and munches unconsciously.

• Pace drinks. Plan to have no more than two alcoholic drinks over the course of a party. Seek out lower-calorie wine spritzers (80 calories per cup) or champagne (70 calories per 3 ounces or 3/8 cup). Spiked eggnog and punches (203 to 220 per 1/2 cup). Space them out by sipping sparkling water to keep mouth and hands busy in a non-fattening way.

• Be choosy about food combinations. Parties attract loads of high-calorie combos, like pate and crackers, chips and dip. Just because they are matched without thought does not mean they must be eaten that way.

• Be aware of "flirt" foods, which momentarily spark the appetite, rather than satisfy hunger. A tray of cheese puffs hot from the oven suddenly appears. What happens? Instantly their fatty aroma flirts with one's willpower. To exhibit smart maneuvers, stay out of danger zones, like the perimeter of food tables, and dodge traveling trays.

• Release half the holiday treats taken hostage because they won't be around until next year. Choose a small amount of turkey white meat with no skin instead of dark meat without skin (30 calories less) for a sandwich. Instead of stuffing, take mashed potatoes (160 calories less). Finally, switch to pumpkin pie instead of apple or pecan to save about 100 calories.

Don't send out the MPs when one meal has gone on overload. Make up for it

the next day. Unless there is perpetual overeating through New Year's Day, chances are a weight gain will not be noticed.

Don't worry excessively about weight over the holidays either. Concentrate on enjoying friends and family, who embody the true spirit of giving and sharing. Registered dietitian Erica Sachs is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter.

### REDUCED-CALORIE SPICED PUMPKIN PIE

Unbaked pastry for single-crust pie  
1 can (16 oz.) pumpkin  
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated skim milk

- 3 eggs
- 5 1/2 tsp. aspartame sweetener (such as Equal from packets)
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/8 tsp. cloves

Preheat oven to 425°. On floured surface, roll pastry in circle 1 inch larger than inverted pan. Ease

into pan. Trim and flute edge.

In medium bowl, beat pumpkin, milk and eggs. Beat in sweetener, salt, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and cloves.

Pour pumpkin mixture into pastry shell. Bake in preheated oven 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350°. Bake about 40 minutes longer until knife inserted near center comes out clean.

Cool on wire rack. Makes 8 servings; 219 calories (41 percent fewer than original), 9 g protein, 28 g carbohydrate, 8 g fat, 81 mg cholesterol and 282 mg sodium each.

### CRANBERRY-GLAZED ROAST OR HAM

Place boneless pork loin roast (about 3 pounds) in shallow baking pan.

In small bowl, whisk 1 can (16 ounces) jellied cranberry sauce with 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard and 1 tablespoon grated orange peel until blended. Spoon about 1/4 cup sauce on roast.

Roast meat in 375° oven, basting occasionally, 1 1/2 hours or until meat thermometer registers 160°. Remove from oven. Let stand 15 minutes before slicing.

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